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Mr. Jeff Morales
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Attention: Federal Resources Branch, Room 3500
for Kris Balaji, Transportation Programming

Subject: Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) Administrative Amendment to the Metropolitan Transportation Plan For 2025 (MTP) for Amendment 03-01 to the 2003/05 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP)

Dear Mr. Morales:

This is a follow-up to our December 23, 2002, approval letter. The SACOG has provided the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) with additional information and a modified listing of lump sum items included as part of MTIP Amendment 03-01 via an Administrative Amendment.

Previously Excluded Projects

Based on additional information provided by the SACOG with concurrence from Caltrans dated April 25, 2003, transit projects initially excluded except (**REG 17200, West Sacramento LRT extension**) are approved for inclusion in the FSTIP. (See Attachment)

Remaining Lump Sum Projects

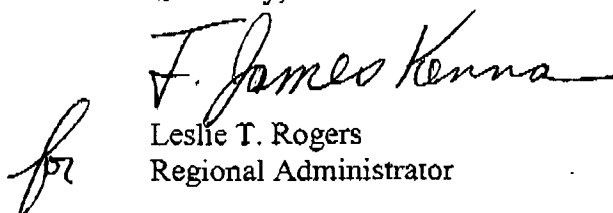
The remaining projects included in the SACOG's lump sum listings, except as discussed above, are approved for inclusion in the FSTIP and the SACOG's MTP. The underlying projects comprising these lump sum listings remain subject to all federal planning and programming requirements listed in 23 CFR 450. Planning projects included with MTIP Amendment No. 03-01, whether listed individually, or lump summed must also be included as necessary in the appropriate SACOG Overall Work Program (OWP) per the requirements of 23 CFR 450.314.

We accept MTIP Administrative Amendment No. 03-1 and Amendment to, in accordance with 23 CFR 450, and find that these SACOG amendments were developed based on a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process in accordance with 23 USC 134,

23 CFR 450, and section 49 USC 53 of the Federal Transit Act. Our December 23, 2002, conformity determination on these amendments is applicable to this approval.

Furthermore, this approval is made with the understanding that the FTA funding on individual projects contained in the FSTIP is subject to the grantees meeting all necessary FTA administrative requirements. Please contact Mr. Jerome Wiggins, at (415) 744-2819 if you have any questions regarding this amendment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "L. Rogers", is positioned to the left of the typed name.

Leslie T. Rogers
Regional Administrator

Enclosures

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